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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK NIACT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY RANGOON

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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BANGKOK ALSO FOR CODEL MANSFIELD

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AEMR ECRE LA

SUBJECT: GROWING FLOOD DANGER IN VIENTIANE

REF: VIENTIANE 1927

1. THE DANGER OF FLOODING IN VIENTIANE, PARTICULARLY
IN VULNERABLE AREAS SUCH AS WAT TAY AIRPORT, HAS IN-
CREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN PAST WEEK. AT 1100 AUGUST 16,
THE MEKONG REACHED 11 METERS, WHICH IS 50 CENTIMETERS
BELOW WHAT LAO DESCRIBE AS FLOOD LEVEL. SINCE THE
PREVIOUS EMBASSY FLOOD DANGER REPORT AUGUST 11 (REFTEL)
THE MBNONG HAS RISEN AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 40 CENTIMETERS
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EVERY 12 HOURS, WHICH EXCEEDS THE RATE OF RISE REGISTERED

IN THE 1966 VIENTIANE FLOOD. AT ITS CURRENT RATE OF
RISE THE MEKONG SHOULD REACH THE 11.5 METER DANGER
LEVEL WITHIN THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

2. AT PRESENT, EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE NOT ABLE TO CON-
FIRM GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THAT THE WAT TAY AIRPORT IS
PROTECTED TO A LEVEL OF 13 METEGA, BECAUSE ON SITE
INSPECTION BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL OF THE FLOOD CONTROL
SYSTEM PROTECTING THE AIRPORT HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED
BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT.

3. THE LOCAL PRESS ON AUGUST 16 REPORTS THAT 3,000
OFFICIALS, SOLDIERS, AND CIVILIANS WERE MOBILIZED TO
WORK ON DIKES IN THE VIENTIANE AREA SUNDAY, AUGUST 15.
WORKERS WERE OBSERVED CONTINUING EFFORTS TODAY. THE
EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SOME UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
OF FLOODING IN OUTLYING AREAS.
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